AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently amended) A computer-implemented method comprising:

determining whether a current fill rate of a container is within a threshold of a slowest fill rate of the ~~container.~~container; and

when the determining is true, switching from the container to a new container, wherein the switching further comprises switching journaling of changes to a database from the container to the new container.

2. (Canceled)

3. (Canceled)

4. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising:

determining the slowest fill rate from a plurality of fill rates for the container over a plurality of time periods.

5. (Original) The method of claim 4, further comprising:

periodically determining each of the plurality of fill rates.

6. (Currently amended) An apparatus comprising:

means for calculating a plurality of fill rates of a container for a respective plurality of time periods;

means for calculating a slowest fill rate of the plurality of fill rates; ~~and~~

means for determining whether a current fill rate of the container is within a fill-rate threshold of the slowest fill ~~rate.~~rate; and

means for switching an application from filling the container to filling a new container when the means for determining is true, wherein the means for switching

further comprises means for switching journaling of changes to a database from the container to the new container.

7. (Canceled)

8. (Original) The apparatus of claim 6, wherein the means for determining further comprises:

means for determining whether a current size of the container is between a soft threshold and a hard threshold.

9. (Currently amended) The apparatus of claim 6, further comprising:

means for switching an application from filling the container to filling the newa ~~new~~ container when a current size of the container exceeds a hard threshold.

10. (Canceled)

11. (Currently amended) A computer-readable storage~~signal bearing~~ medium encoded with instructions, wherein the instructions when executed comprise:

calculating a plurality of fill rates of a container for a respective plurality of time periods;

calculating a slowest fill rate of at least a portion of the plurality of fill rates; ~~and~~

determining whether a current fill rate of the container is within a fill-rate threshold of the slowest fill rate and whether a current size of the container is between a soft threshold and a hard ~~threshold.~~threshold; and

switching an application from filling the container to filling a new container when the determining is true, wherein the switching further comprises switching journaling of changes to a database from the container to the new container.

12. (Canceled)

13. (Currently amended) The computer-readable storage~~signal bearing~~ medium of claim 11, further comprising:

switching the application~~an application~~ from filling the container to filling the new~~a new~~ container when the current size of the container exceeds the hard threshold.

14. (Currently amended) The computer-readable storage~~signal bearing~~ medium of claim 11, further comprising:

refraining from switching the application~~an application~~ from filling the container to filling the new~~a new~~ container when the determining is false.

15. (Currently amended) The computer-readable storage~~signal bearing~~ medium of claim 11~~elaim 12~~, further comprising:

receiving the fill-rate threshold from the application.

16. (Currently amended) A electronic device comprising:

a processor; and

a storage device encoded with instructions, wherein the instructions when executed on the processor comprise:

calculating a plurality of fill rates of a first container for a respective plurality of time periods,

calculating a slowest fill rate of at least a portion of the plurality of fill rates,

determining whether a current fill rate of the first container is within a fill-rate threshold of the slowest fill rate and whether a current size of the first container is between a soft threshold and a hard threshold, and

switching an application from filling the first container to filling a second container when the determining is true, wherein the switching further comprises switching journaling of changes to a database from the first container to the second container.

17. (Original) The electronic device of claim 16, wherein the instructions further comprise:

deciding whether a current size of the first container exceeds the hard threshold.

18. (Currently amended) The electronic device of claim 17, wherein the instructions further comprise:

switching the application from filling the first container to filling the seconda ~~second~~ container when the deciding is true.

19. (Original) The electronic device of claim 16, wherein the instructions further comprise:

receiving the fill-rate threshold from the application.

20. (Original) The electronic device of claim 16, wherein the instructions further comprise:

receiving the hard threshold and the soft threshold from the application.